

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-93 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note the appreciation the indication that claims 1-93 define over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all the claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 40-50 and 83-89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In regard to claims 40 to 42 and 83 and 84 the Examiner points out that it is not clear whether this is an additional matrix or one of the first and second matrices recited in claim 1. By way of the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 40-42, 44, 46, 47, 82-84, 87 and 88. Applicant's submit that it is now clear which matrices are being referred to. Applicants note that claim 43 had no occurrence of this word.

The Examiner objected to claim 88 as not having support for the term "selected colors". By way of the present Amendment, Applicants have added a limitation specification at page 33 line 14. Applicants submit that this properly supports the term. In claim 89, the Examiner also states that the term "weight scale number" is not supported. Applicant's have now amended the term to "weight value". Basis for this is found in the specification on page 32 lines 22 and 37.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

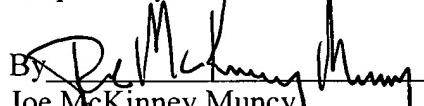
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse, Reg. No. 27,295, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: February 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Joe McKinney Muncy

Registration No.: 32,334

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
8110 Gatehouse Road
Suite 100 East
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000
Attorney for Applicant